Salt Lake County Council 2001 South State Street Salt Lake City, Utah 84

Dear Council:

1 July 2013

In the matter of the <u>Western Native Trout Initiative</u> also identified as the <u>Mill Creek Native Bonneville Cutthroat</u> <u>Trout Restoration Project</u>, please be advised that the matter had been presented to the Great Salt Lake Council of The Boy Scouts of America by Mr. Paul Cowley of the United States Forest Service.

As a result of that presentation and the opportunity that the project will provide for the education of youth from ages eight through eighteen, the Great Salt Lake Council wishes to lend its support for the project.

The matter at hand has also been presented to the Council Executive Board, which has reviewed the project and found that it presents an ideal opportunity to provide not only an opportunity to restore a native species to the waters of the Wasatch Mountains (namely the Mill Creek Canyon stream), but to also provide for a unique educational opportunity for youth to become acquainted with the local ecosystems, human involvement with his/her surroundings, and the rich history of the Mill Creek Canyon.

The Great Salt Lake Council gladly supports the proposal being put forth by Mr. Cowley's office and would encourage the Salt Lake County Council to also lend its support of this very worthwhile project.

Yours in Scouting,

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